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City of Barrie

Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 | **10:00 AM** | **Virtual**

For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on May 31, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, K. Aylwin at 10:05 a.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 8 - Councillor K. Aylwin
Councillor A.M. Kungl
A. Pelan
E. Jacoby-Hawkins
K. Patterson-McGrath
L. Hoffarth
S. Warren
W. Steimle

Absent: 3 - E. vanWesenbeeck
J. Northcote
S. Diaz - SMDHU

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, B. Thompson
Senior Transportation Operations Tech, J. MacDonald
Transportation Planning Lead, B. Gratrix.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee met and reports as follow(s):

10 ACTIONS FOR CLIMATE - HARVEST SHARE

Andee Pelan, Living Green Barrie provided a presentation on the 10 Actions for Climate.

Ms. Pelan discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The background of a name change from Environmental Action Barrie;
- An introduction of the Living Green Barrie board and staff;
- Funded through sponsorships, fundraising, donations, and grants;
- The Tree Planting Program with a goal of 10,000 native trees;
- FruitShare Program for the planting of fruit trees to increase food security;
- GreenScreen Program for free and credible environmental information and advice; and
- The plan to educate on the 10 Actions for Climate.
    - Be hopeful and fight climate despair;
    - Invest green by purchasing green power from an energy retailer;
    - Reduce waste by taking responsibility for our own stuff;
    - Plant trees with community tree plantings;
    - Engage by voting, lobbying, protesting, learning, and sharing;
    - Tread lightly by driving and flying less;
    - Power down with a more sustainable home;
    - Eat more plants for the climate;
    - Plant more trees to help reduce energy demands; and
    - Think quality not quantity.

Members of the Committee asked questions of Ms. Pelan and received responses.

BIKE THE NIGHT UPDATE

Kelly Patterson-McGrath discussed funding issues, the permit processes and approvals, the development of an emergency and COVID plans, as well as finding funding to have a first aid team on site.

A. Pelan indicated that Councillor funding is not available for events, as previously thought, because it’s not a community improvement project. Ms. Pelan provided an estimated amount of registrants through Eventbright and social media but expressed more is expected that did not register.

Councillor, A. Kungl mentioned the need for volunteers to assist with the event.

ON THE MOVE INITIATIVE

Sarah Warren, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit provided an update regarding the On the Move Initiative, on behalf of Sherry Diaz, concerning an upcoming meeting of the Simcoe Muskoka Active School Travel Steering Committee, the recent involvement of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board on active school travel, public health and school board staff working on back-to-school social media messages, and reconnecting with schools in the fall.

TRANSITION DOCUMENT - NEW TERM

Councillor, K. Aylwin provided a presentation on the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee 2018-2022 Legacy Items, which consisted of staff contacts and resources, and discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- Supporting the Community Energy and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan;
- Supporting the work of the Cycle Barrie Infrastructure Program;
- Evaluating the City's progress towards becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community and advocating for staffing;
- Advocating to have a committee budget for committee activities, events, outreach, and promotion, as well as meeting structure for both active transportation and sustainability issues;
- Support the work of the City's Circular Economy Framework;
- Support the work of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy; and
- Collaborate with the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to promote active school travel through the On the Move Initiative.

The Committee discussed the legacy items presented on and provided suggestions such as subcommittee structure and membership, a schedule of priorities and timelines, a committee budget that is per annum, and a sustainability plan, its role as an advisory committee to council, rather than an action committee, and the current legislative structure of the Committee.

The Committee further discussed its current list of recommendations and suggested the new term of committee work with staff for consistent updates and follow-up. B. Gratrix provided that most of the current list of recommendations for this term of committee have been addressed and further follow-up with other departments would need to be done for further updates.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS

This item was discussed within the Transition Document - New Term item.

NEW TERM OF COMMITTEE - FORMATTING

This item was discussed within the Transition Document - New Term item.

COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE

The Committee discussed an amendment to its name and agreed to leave for the next term of Committee. No further action was taken on this item.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES

The Committee discussed the possibility of splitting the active transportation and sustainability portions of the meetings to alternating weeks, which would consist of co-chairs. The Committee agreed to add this to the next agenda for further discussions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN